



# Town of Provincetown

## Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

**Wednesday, September 28, 2011**  
**Grace Gouveia Bldg, 26 Alden St, Room 6, Provincetown**

**Water & Sewer Board Members Present:** Jonathan Sinaiko (chair), Kathleen Meads, and Moe Van Dereck

**Water & Sewer Board Members Absent:** Mark Collins, Sacha Richter

**Other attendees:** DPW Staff David Guertin, Sherry Prada, Carl Hillstrom; members of the public.  
 Recorder: Anna Michaud.

**Call to Order**

Mr. Sinaiko called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Work Session to draft Water & Sewer regulation changes regarding abatements for leaks due to non-compliant piping**

The Board reviewed a draft letter to consumers with non-compliant materials with regard to possible changes to the abatement policy for service leaks due to non-compliance. Ms Meads asked if those with non-compliant service had received any notification to that effect and Mr. Guertin said that they had not. Ms Meads and Mr. Sinaiko were concerned about the timing of the letter. Mr. Guertin suggested adding a paragraph advising of intent to consider changes to the abatement regulations to the effect that failure to repair non-compliant service could result in the denial of an abatement if a leak occurs due to non-compliance. Mr. Worthington suggested adding the public hearing date to the letter. Ms Meads said that she would like to see the meter survey program completed and then consider the letter. Mr. Guertin said that the work session could be postponed until the conclusion of the program. Ms Meads moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to continue the work session until the survey is completed. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

**Water and Sewer abatements.**

Ms Michaud presented the following abatement applications.

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
0002215	49 Bradford St	DPW on behalf of Summer Winds Condos			Abate \$909.60. Clerical error - inactive account
0008006	15 Conant St #3	Ray Borelli		W \$177.34 S \$270.75	Abate w \$174.34, s \$195.65. Actual usage 1,000 gallons. Wrong meter read.
0034418	590 Commercial St, Unit D	Duane Bonlie	120,000	W \$770 S \$1662.00	Abate w \$411.67 and s \$1,329.00 if proof of service replacement is provided. Crawlspace leak. Abated for leak in same place last year.

<i>Water</i>					<i>Sewer</i>	
			<i>cubic</i>	<i>abate</i>	<i>cubic</i>	<i>abate</i>
0009617	125 Commercial St	US Coast Guard	\$8,357.50	\$2,656.50	\$14,276.00	\$3,741.60
0001314	80 Bradford St	Boutique Hospitality	\$50,035.00	\$13,344.00	\$68,784.00	\$17,454.90
0005815	34A Pearl St	Faith Henrique	\$648.00	\$21.00	-	-
0029743	14 Old Colony Way #2	George Trahant	\$708.00	\$38.00	-	-

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to accept the staff recommendations. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
0002216	36 Shank Painter Rd north	David Hale	118,000	W \$752 S \$1634.30	<b>Deny.</b> No leak found. Prior use was estimated. For this bill, high use for 2 months, then return to normal. History of leaks. Per field staff, service not completely renewed.

Ms Meads moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to accept the staff recommendations. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
0009804	73 Shank Painter Rd	Michael Trovato	54,000	\$430.50	<b>Deny.</b> Abatement request for Fall 2010 was filed late. Usage high, but had been estimated for 2 years. Usage for Spring bill and to date has returned to low. No movement on meter to indicate leak. Advised of bench test option.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms Meads, to charge in full, but to use the off-peak rate. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
0007209	599 Commercial St	Robert Cummings & Dennis Condon	129,000	W \$851 S \$1,786.65	<b>No recommendation.</b> Usage due to vandalism under house twice during Halloween week 2010. Found by caretaker, reported to police, locks installed.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to abate based on 3 year average for water and sewer charges. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

## **Flow Revisions**

Ms Prada presented the following flow revisions:

<b>Map &amp; Parcel</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Orig. Flow</b>	<b>Rev. Flow</b>	<b>Net Chg</b>	<b>Orig. Betmt</b>	<b>Rev. Betmt</b>	<b>Net Betmt.</b>	<b>Reason Change</b>
12-1-029	12 Alden St	550	330	-220	\$18,524.00	\$11,114.40	(\$7,409.60)	BOH Insp. 7/28/11
19-3-006	32 Mayflower Ave	220	330	110	\$4,950.00	\$7,425.00	\$2,475.00	BOH Insp. 8/2/11

Ms. Meads moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to accept the staff recommendations. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

## **Other Business**

Ms Michaud presented her research on what regulations allowed with regard to Mr. Paul Tasha's request at the May 2011 board meeting for consideration of any possible relief on penalties and fines. Ms Michaud advised that the amount of penalties and fines in question amounted to \$569.99. Mr. Van Dereck moved, seconded by Ms Meads, to approve relief in that amount. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Ms Meads moved to formally request that staff ask the grant administrator to pursue grants for assistance with water service work. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Ms Meads moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2011 and July 21, 2011 meetings. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms Meads, to adjourn the meeting. The vote carried by a vote of 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sacha Richter, Clerk